

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA

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Office of the Secretary or sent directly to the agency.

(11) Preparing position papers regarding trends and patterns in APHIS program issues that are of special interest to the Administrator and his immediate subordinates.

(12) Providing editorial assistance to other staffs in the preparation of regulations, procedural manuals, articles for publication, and standard replies to recurring questions posed by correspondence answered at the program level. Developing policies, coordinating and maintaining control of APHIS activities that fall within the scope of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and the Privacy Act. Making all initial determinations to deny information requested under the FOIA. Ensuring that files coming within the scope of the Privacy Act are properly identified, used, and safeguarded.

(l) *Director, Science and Technology (S&T).* The Director for S&T is responsible for:

(1) Participating with the Administrator of APHIS and other agency officials in the overall planning and formulation of all policies, programs, and activities of APHIS.

(2) Providing laboratory support, diagnostic services, methods development, and research activities in support of all APHIS programs.

(3) Cooperating and coordinating with other government agencies, State agencies, and industries to ensure that the technical needs of APHIS programs are considered and met.

(4) Coordinating registration of chemicals and other substances developed for use in APHIS control and eradication programs.

These activities are carried out by the National Veterinary Services Laboratories, the Denver Wildlife Research Center, the National Monitoring and Residue Analysis Laboratory, and the Plant Methods Development Centers.

(m) *Director, Biotechnology, Biologics, and Environmental Protection (BBEP).* The Director for BBEP is responsible for:

(1) Coordinating and executing biotechnology regulatory policy within APHIS and other USDA regulatory agencies and acting as a liaison with

these agencies, other Federal agencies, and private organizations.

(2) Advising the Administrator on requirements for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and ensuring NEPA compliance.

(3) Providing briefing material, recommendations, and other specific written materials on biotechnology regulatory policy to the Administrator and the Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Inspection Services.

(4) Directing and coordinating the activities of the Veterinary Biologics field office.

(5) Providing oversight and management for BBEP staffs and functions.

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§ 371.3 Plant Protection and Quarantine.

The PPQ Operational Support unit and the four PPQ regional offices, under the administrative direction of the Administrator and the functional and technical direction of the Deputy Administrator, PPQ, are responsible for Plant Protection and Quarantine as follows:

(a) *PPQ operational support.* (1) Participating with the Deputy Administrator, PPQ, in the overall planning and formulation of all PPQ programs and activities.

(2) Directing, coordinating, and integrating the activities of subordinate staffs that provide operational support, guidance, and planning to field programs conducted in the four domestic regions.

(3) Developing and maintaining cooperative relationships and programs with other Federal agencies, State and local governments, and industry with regard to plant protection activities and programs designed to protect farm crops and other valued plant life from harmful insects, nematodes, diseases, and weeds.

(b) *PPQ regional offices.* (1) Participating with the Deputy Administrator, PPQ, in the operational planning and implementation of policies, programs, and activities of PPQ.

(2) Planning, providing leadership, coordinating, and conducting PPQ regional programs and activities to protect the Nation's agriculture from harmful plant pests and diseases, and preventing the entry of these plant pests and diseases and animal diseases into the United States or their spread in foreign commerce. (Activities relating to animal diseases are concerned with import and export of animal products and byproducts).

(3) Developing and maintaining cooperative relationships and programs with other Federal agencies, State and local governments, and industry with regard to plant protection activities and programs designed to protect farm crops and other valued plant life from harmful insects, nematodes, diseases, and weeds.

§ 371.4 Veterinary Services.

The VS Operational Support unit and the four VS regional offices, under the administrative direction of the Administrator and the functional and technical direction of the Deputy Administrator, VS, are responsible as follows:

(a) *VS Operational Support.* (1) Participating with the Deputy Administrator, VS, in the overall planning and formulation of policies, programs, and activities of VS within the APHIS framework.

(2) Directing, coordinating, and integrating the activities of subordinate staffs that provide operational support, guidance, and planning to field programs involving the detection, control, and/or eradication of animal diseases and parasites, and involving the enforcement of quarantines governing the importation and exportation of live animals, animal semen, and eggs.

(3) Monitoring and evaluating ongoing programs to ensure that they are effective, efficient, and in compliance with laws, regulations, and policies.

(4) Providing technical guidance, advice, and information in support of field operations units and personnel.

(5) Coordinating and monitoring VS import and export programs.

(6) Negotiating animal health protocols with foreign countries to facilitate the export of United States livestock.

(7) Cooperating with other APHIS organizations and other Federal and pri-

vate agencies in developing plans, programs, and procedures to protect the nation's livestock and poultry resources.

(8) Maintaining close liaison and cooperative relationships with other APHIS organizations, the Agricultural Research Service, other Federal and private agencies, and colleges and universities involved in research and development activities relating to the control and eradication of animal diseases and other programs relating to VS objectives and missions.

(b) *VS Regional Offices.* (1) Participating with the Deputy Administrator, VS, in the overall planning and formulation of all policies, programs, and activities of VS.

(2) Planning, providing leadership, and coordinating VS programs and activities within the Region (comprising several States) to protect the health of livestock, poultry, and other valued animal life through the detection, control and/or eradication of animal diseases and parasites and through the enforcement of quarantines governing the importation and exportation of live animals, animal semen, eggs, and other live animal tissues and specimens.

(3) Supervising, directing, coordinating, and integrating the activities of subordinate Area Offices that are responsible for the conduct of Federal and multi-State cooperative programs.

§ 371.5 Management and Budget.

The Budget and Accounting Division, Human Resources Division, Administrative Services Division, Information Systems and Communications Division, Resource Management Systems and Evaluation Staff, Equal Opportunity and Civil Rights Staff, Equal Opportunity Counseling, and the Field Servicing Office, under the direction of the Deputy Administrator for Management and Budget, are responsible as follows:

(a) *Budget and Accounting Division.* (1) Participating with the Deputy Administrator for M&B in the overall formulation of all administrative management policies, programs, and activities for APHIS, ACS, and OT.

(2) Planning, providing staff leadership and administering the budget and